

I claim:

1. A composition of matter comprising a therapeutically effective amount of colloidal sulfur in a diketone.
2. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the diketone comprises hydroxy diketone or methyl ethyl diketone.
3. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the diketone is selected from the group consisting of dimethyldiketone or diethyldiketone.
4. A composition according to claim 1, administered in a carrier to form a cream, lotion, solution, ointment or urguent for typical application.
5. A composition according to claim 4, and further comprising a local anesthetic, antihistamine, corticosteroid, alcohol or counterirritant.
6. A method of relieving severe itching in patients in need of such treatment, which methods comprises topically administering a composition as claimed in claim 1 to the patient in need of such treatment.
7. A method according to claim 6, wherein the composition is as claimed in claim 2.
8. A method according to claim 6, wherein the composition is as claimed in claim 3.
9. A method according to claim 6, wherein the composition is as claimed in claim 4.
10. A method according to claim 6, wherein the composition is as claimed in claim 5.